Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Insufficiency of accommodation, smallness of class-rooms, dilapidated nature of the buildings, want of space in the compound even for locating latrines not to speak of gardening and games, and above all prohibitive rental.

(*c*) The original proposal was dropped in favour of a cheaper and more convenient one.

(*d*) Yes. The site offered was so small in area that it would serve at best only as a pathway to the School. The adjoining land with buildings has to be acquired for putting up the building. Further, the site was found to be unsuitable for school purposes.

(*e*) Rs. 8,000.

MEDICAL AND ENGINEERING COLLEGES—SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION—CASTEWAR STATEMENT

194. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state the number of candidates selected for Medical and Engineering Courses by the Government to the Madras Engineering and Medical Colleges till July 1940 under the following heads.—

(*a*) The number of.—

i. Chaldeans;
ii. Marthomites;
iii. Anglicans;
iv. the unspecified Syrians;
v. Protestants other than Anglicans.

(*b*) The number of.—

i. Ezhuvas;
ii. Nayars;
iii. Romo Syrians of Talappalli Taluk ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) Number of candidates selected to the Medical College.—

6 Christians.

Number of candidates selected to the Engineering College.—

3 Christians.

(*b*) The sect to which the candidates belong is not known.

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i. Ezhuvas.—Medical 2.
Engineering Nil.

ii. Nayars:—Medical 3.
Engineering 5.

iii. Romo Syrians of Talappalli Taluk.—Two Christian candidates from Talappalli Taluk have been selected to the Medical College. It is not known to which sect they belong.
Engineering College—Nil.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* As far as I know, Sir, both these Christians are Jacobites of my taluk. No Romo-Syrian or Mar Thoma Syrian anywhere from the State has yet been selected. By the fact that six Christians have been selected, my question is not answered. I want separate figures from each community.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Separate figures are not available. Government do not know to which particular sect these belong.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):*The applications may contain the particulars.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* The applications have been forwarded to the Engineering and Medical Colleges.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to ask those colleges to furnish the information?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I do not think, Sir, it will serve any useful purpose.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* The purpose is to point out that no Marthomite has yet been selected *(Laughter).*

Mr. President: We do not recognise these sub-communities in the matter of selection of candidates to the Engineering and Medical Colleges. Because we have to select only two candidates, it is not possible to recognise sub-communities in this matter.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Even otherwise, is not efficiency one of the tests?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* In reply to a question yesterday I said there are many considerations which weigh with the Government in making the selections, such as attainments, communities, etc.

Mr. President: Recommendations. *(Laughter.)*

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